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finding that petitioner was addicted to controlled substances including Talwin in 1974-1975.

II

Petitioner was licensed by the State of California as a physician and surgeon in 1959. He obtained his M.D. degree in 1958 and after an internship and residency in anesthesia practiced as an anesthesiologist until approximately 1970.

III

Between January of 1976 and August of 1976, petitioner worked as a clerk in a book store in the Sacramento area. Between August of 1976 and the present, petitioner has worked as the Medical Director of the Sacramento Plasma Center located at 1514 E. Street, in Sacramento. Petitioner's continuing medical education since the last decision has been mainly in the area of holistic health. He attended a holistic health conference in San Diego for three days in 1978. He attended a similar conference in San Francisco in 1979 which lasted four days. In 1979 he also attended a six day conference in holistic health in San Diego. In 1980, petitioner attended a six day conference in holistic health in San Diego. In November of 1981, petitioner attended a cardiac rehabilitation conference in Sacramento (7 units) and in December of 1981, petitioner attended a three day conference in Sacramento entitled, "Cardiology for the Practicing Physician", an 18 unit course. As required by the 1975 decision, petitioner took and successfully passed the Flex examination.

IV

Petitioner's position as the Medical Director of the Sacramento Plasma Center involves the examination of those persons who come to the Center to donate plasma for remuneration. Petitioner takes a basic medical history from each of the potential donors and conducts a brief physical examination. Petitioner has not been involved in any other medical practice since the issuance of the first decision. Petitioner has no immediate intention to engage in any conventional type of medical practice. Petitioner has no need for the use of controlled substances. Petitioner has no plans to return to the practice of anesthesiology.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

The panel determines that it would not be in the public interest to terminate petitioner's probation. The reasons for this decision include petitioner's failure to keep abreast of the changes in medicine since the 1975 decision and petitioner's employment in a very limited field of practice. The evidence indicates that petitioner is essentially out of touch with the conventional practice of medicine and with his colleagues. Further, the terms and conditions of probation do not significantly affect


petitioner's ability to practice in his present situation.

ORDER

The petition of William E. Rowley, Jr., M.D. for termination of probation is denied.

This decision shall become effective May 26, 1982

IT IS SO ORDERED April 26, 1982


LOIS O'GRADY, M.D.
Panel Chairperson
M.Q.R.C. District I